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Report of the Superintendent of Police regarding the Disturbance in Bangalore City on the 21st of Oct. 1937.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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From (Name) U. K. Somappa, Esq., B.A.,

(Designation) District Superintendent of Police,

Post Box....., (STATION).....BANGALORE CITY.

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To

The Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate,
Bangalore District,
B A N G A L O R E.

No. ....., *dated*...26th October, 1937.

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ENCLOSURES.....

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

R. K. Somayya

Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore City.

Forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secy to Govt

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Submitted to His Highness.

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I submit herewith for His Highness's gracious information the report received from the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City (through the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) regarding the disturbances that occurred in Bangalore City on the 24th and 25th instant.

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A Press Communique in regard to the incidents has been issued for general information. A copy of it is also submitted herewith.

Mirza M. Ismail

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Bangalore,
26th October 1937.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Report of the Superintendent of Police regarding the disturbances in Bangalore City on the 24th and 25th instant.

Chief Secy
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General and Revenue Secretariat.

SUBJECT:— Report of the Superintendent of Police regarding the disturbances in Bangalore city on the 24th and 25th October 1937.

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Chief Secretary to Government.

Through the Secretary to Government,

..... Department.

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

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SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

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Sd/- H. V. Ramasvami,
Dy.Commissioner.
26th Oct.1937.

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By order

Publicity Officer

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Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Office of the Publicity Officer to Government
~~General Administration Department.~~
Public Offices,

No. 643-Y02/P.O. Bangalore, dated the 26th October 1937.

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

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Second Member.

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N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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Forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to Govt.

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